



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Kershaw County School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 10,534**
Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan
Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2007	Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	NI
2006	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	12	2	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	80.6%	79.9%	72.2%	73.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.8%	77.8%	69.1%	72.7%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies % Proficient & Advanced
District	41.0%	38.1%	41.6%	34.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.0%	36.4%	37.7%	35.4%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	82.5%	10.5%	7.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	83.7%	9.2%	7.6%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	93.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	61.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	66.6%

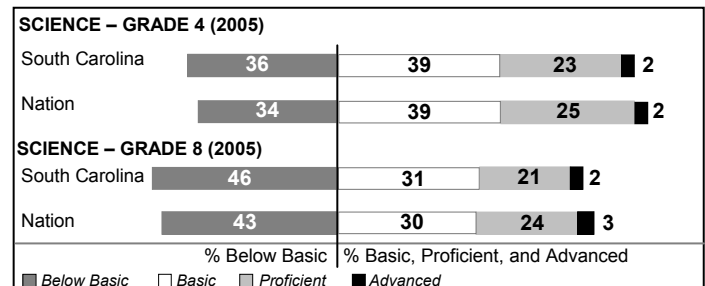
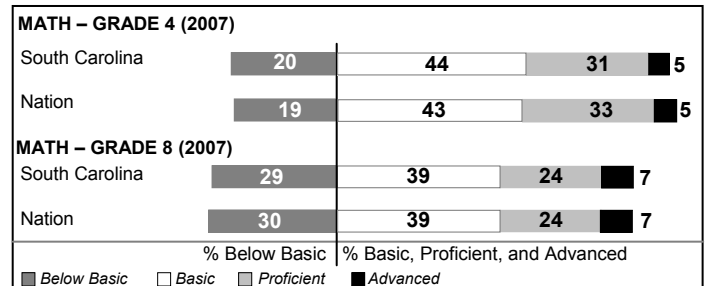
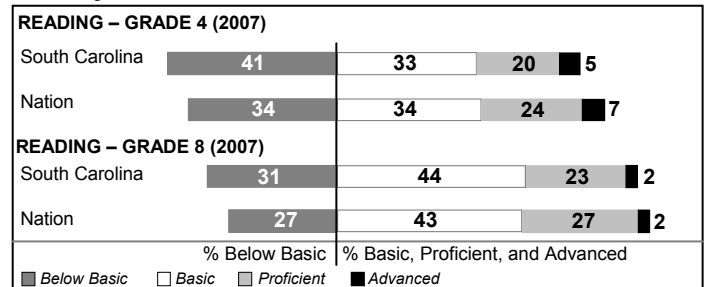
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.8%

** Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=10,534)				
Retention rate	4.0%	Down from 4.4%	3.2%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 96.4%	95.8%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	21.7%	Up from 20.6%	15.6%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.0%	Up from 8.3%	9.6%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.8%	Up from 1.0%	0.9%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	13.5%	Up from 9.7%	15.5%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	43.1%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.2%	Up from 15.4%	36.7%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	60	Up from 44	47	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	51	Up from 43	37	27
Annual dropout rate	1.5%	Down from 3.7%	2.8%	3.8%
Teachers (n=693)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.3%	Down from 63.2%	56.8%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	78.5%	Down from 80.0%	78.2%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.3%	Down from 5.3%	3.4%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8%	Up from 89.8%	90.1%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.5%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$46,924	Up 5.1%	\$46,496	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	No Change	0.3%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.9%	Down from 5.0%	0.9%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Down from 4.0	4.8	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Up from 22.3 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Down from 90.1%	89.5%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,128	Up 7.1%	\$8,154	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	53.5%	Down from 55.3%	53.6%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	59.0%	Down from 59.5%	57.3%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	19	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	6.9%	Down from 13.8%	5.8%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	25 Years	No Change	23 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	19.0	No Change	13.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$75,846	Up 8.1%	\$75,973	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	65.5%		76.0%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

In 2007-2008, Kershaw County School District averages were higher than the state averages in 20 of the 24 possible 2007 PACT categories. The district's average SAT score was the 13th best in the state, making it 29 points above the state average.

Kershaw County seniors improved their average composite score on the ACT college entrance exam by six-tenths of a point. Four of the district's schools—Baron DeKalb Elementary, Blaney Elementary, Lugoff Elementary, and Mt. Pisgah Elementary—were recognized by the Education Oversight Committee for reducing the achievement gap for at least one historically underachieving student group in 2008. Five schools—ATEC, Blaney Elementary, Lugoff-Elgin Middle, Midway Elementary, and Pine Tree Hill Elementary—were recognized by the State Board of Education in the Palmetto Gold and Silver program for high levels of academic achievement and high rates of student academic improvement. Eighteen more Kershaw County teachers earned National Board certification this year.

Under the i-CAN program, all of the district's high school students received laptops, high school teachers also received laptops and staff development in computer-based instruction. The program will continue through the 2008-09 school year along with increased technology for kindergarten through eighth grade students and teachers.

The school board broke ground on seven construction projects in 2007-08 as part of Phase One of the \$102.2 million facilities equalization program. All construction projects have been on or ahead of schedule, and extra cost savings from these projects will allow the school district to build a new elementary school in Camden and address facility needs to serve approximately 500 more elementary students in the West Wateree area in the next ten years.

The district's extraordinary performance has received statewide and national recognition at all levels. Lugoff-Elgin Middle was one of two middle school finalists in the Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award program. Doby's Mill Elementary received the Blue Ribbon Lighthouse Award and its Media Specialist was chosen as "Media Specialist of the Year" by the South Carolina Association of School Librarians. Four schools—Camden Elementary, Jackson, Lugoff-Elgin High and Mt. Pisgah Elementary—were named Red Carpet Schools, bringing the total number of Kershaw County schools who currently hold this honor up to 12. Baron DeKalb Elementary's PTO was one of 24 individuals and organizations to be recognized by the State Board of Education for outstanding contributions to South Carolina's public education system. Camden Elementary received honorable mention in the Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award. The school district's Distance Education Learning Center was honored as the "DELCL of the Year."

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